No decision has been taken for regularisation of unauthorised colonies constructed in Delhi upto 31.3.1998.

CAG Report on Narela Housing Scheme

859. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has in his report pointed out serious lapses including violation of its bye-laws in connection with the allotment of residential units in the Narela Housing Scheme resulting in huge losses and blockage of funds amounting of Rs. 36.08 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the persons responsible for the huge Government losses have been identified; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, in its report has pointed out that DDA constructed 6039 houses in the Narela Housing Scheme for various categories between December, 1993 to July, 1998 involving an expenditure of Rs. 115.39 crore. Due to non-availability of the basic amenities like water supply and electricity, the scheme became unpopular resulting in request by allottees for cancellation of allotment of houses. Out of 6039 houses constructed 2003 houses remained unallotted after cancellation leading to the blockade of funds of Rs. 36.08 crore besides defeating the objective of providing housing to the public.

(c) and (d) DDA has reported that some project related bottlenecks do take place in development of large sub-city like Narela inspite of assurances from various departments/organizations. However, though basic amenities like water and electricity were not available at the initial stage, this is not the sole or even the major reason for non-acceptance of the flats by the allottees. These facilities are now available in the area, but even then, many of the allottees are still not accepting the

allotment of flats in Narela. However, the DDA has been able to dispose of 1172 flats to the Delhi Police at a cost of Rs. 85.54 crore and another 1372 Nos. EHS flats to the Punjab Migrants on hire purchase basis and a sum of Rs. 6.82 crores has been received from them as an initial amount. The rest is to be realized in instalments. DDA has also floated two special schemes in 2002 and 2003 and disposed of 1429 flats in Narela.

Urban Commuting System for Chennai

860. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an urban commuting system on the lines of Delhi Metro has been proposed for Chennai city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) There is no proposal the Government of India at present for Urban Commuting System for Chennai city on the lines of Delhi Metro.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Malfunctioning of lifts and elevators

861. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidence of malfunctioning of the lifts/elevators in public buildings, especially in hospitals, where fatal accidents have occurred due to negligence in maintenance;

(b) if so, how many such accidents happened in public places in Delhi during the last two years and whether any study has been conducted to find out the causes; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures being adopted to eliminate lifts getting stuck in the hospitals endangering lives of the patients?